

KING WILLIAM NEWILLIAM ASSOCIATION HISTORY + CULTURE

Next Down in Southtown December 11



The fun is rolling along: every 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Friendly Spot, 943 S. Alamo, the KWA is presenting Down in Southtown as part of Downtown Tuesday. We'll have music, half-priced nachos, neighborhood association membership sign-up, and a chance to mix and mingle with your neighbors.

This past event, Doggie Night, was a success! Was it cold? Yes! Did the dogs care? Nope! Fun was had by all. We're going to do this one again when the weather's not quite so frigid.

Our next event is on December 11th and it's our Holiday Fair!!! Come do some shopping for your friends, your family, and yourself. We'll have a nice selection of vendors – check out our Facebook page for exactly who.

Our musical guest will be the Tennessee Valley Authority playing Christmas tunes and bluegrass music from 7 to 9pm. Come on out, say hey, mix and mingle with the neighbors and find perfect stocking stuffers!



2019 King William Fair Poster Unveiled



Meet Elizabeth Samuel, King William Fair Logo Artist for 2019

We are thrilled to introduce to Elizabeth Samuel, the 2019 King William Fair logo artist. The Fair discovered Elizabeth through Blue Star Contemporary's MOSAIC Student Artist Program. MOSAIC is a free after-school program available to high school students who are interested in developing a professional future in the arts.

Growing up with a father who plays the clarinet for the U.S. Army allowed Elizabeth to live in some pretty cool places. She grew up in Des Plaines, IL, a town in the Chicago area, then moved to Yorktown, Virginia, before her family arrived in San Antonio. When she landed in San Antonio, she enrolled in MOSAIC, where Artist-in-Residence Alex Rubio and Studio Assistant Juan Zavala Castro mentor students in a diverse range of art mediums in an intensive, independent study format. Elizabeth enjoyed how the program allowed opportunities for the students to engage with the community and make public art. Coming with high recommendations

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What's Happening In & Around King William

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THE SAUERKRAUT BEND 5K- King William *KWA Fundraiser Saturday, February 23, 2019* https://www.facebook.com/events/575214556262919/

LA GRAN TAMALADA - Historic Market Square Saturday, December 8 • 11 am - 7:00pm

FORD HOLIDAY BOAT CAROLING- River Walk Downtown Through December 21 • Tuesdays - Sundays 6:15 pm - 9:30 pm

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LET'S BE FRIENDS



President's Message

"It is easier to go down the hill than go up it, but the view is much better at the top" Henry Ward Beecher

The King William Association was formed in 1967 to protect and preserve the neighborhood. It has evolved and grown into so much more in its 50 years. It now serves a central role in organizing events, advancing a cause or vision, building durable achievements, advising the city and surrounding areas, responding to challenges, and providing community cohesiveness.

At the present time, I believe there is an opportunity to strengthen this community. The KWA Bylaws Committee is spending significant time and energy revising the bylaws. The bylaws will recognize, protect, and strengthen vital KWA functions through its purpose statement, committees, and its relationship to the members. But the Bylaws should also position the KWA to welcome new people and families, respond to future challenges and opportunities, and to benefit from efforts and energies of new members. In addition, I hope to enlist many of our members to help conduct a census of the entire neighborhood, to recruit new members while asking for advice on what we can do better from those who choose not to join. While these efforts represent major undertakings, I hope that we will enjoy the view from the top. Happy Holidays! John

"The three great essentials to achieve anything worthwhile are, first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense." Thomas A. Edison

Board Briefs

On November 14, the KWA board met. The board unanimously approved a fundraising event, a 5K run, on February 23, 2019. The holiday social will take place on December 5 at The St. Joseph Society Hall at 6:30 pm. Board member Juan Fernandez will be working on developing children's activities over the next 6 months. A new search committee is formed to find a new executive director, chaired by Connie Martinez. Bylaws revisions continue, and changes will be published for members to comment. A neighborhood census will be taken in the spring. The board will next meet on December 19.

Update: Committee Actively Reviewing Bylaws

Earlier this year the King William Association Board of Directors appointed a Bylaws Committee to conduct a careful review of the current King William Association bylaws. Originally written in 1967, our bylaws have been amended six times, creating a patchwork texture. In addition, some of the terminology is dated, and is not in keeping with the current Robert's Rules of Order - Newly Revised Edition.

The goal of the committee is to clarify and simplify the bylaws in order to create a guiding document for the Association that is easier to understand and allows for greater efficiency, while still reflecting the core values of our organization and the neighborhood we all love. Work began in October and the committee has been meeting weekly; it is still in the process of reviewing and undertaking a complete revision.

Member feedback is at the heart of this process, and we thank those who have offered comments so far. In the coming days we will be emailing sections of the draft bylaws for your input. Our hope is to have the bylaws approved at a membership meeting in January.

We are grateful for the neighbors on the Bylaws Committee, for their willingness to devote long hours in carefully and thoughtfully examining each word and phrase as it has been written over the years. We look forward to reviewing the revisions with you and working for the good of the neighborhood.

Elizabeth Samuel, continued from page 1

from MOSAIC, the King William Fair quickly tasked Elizabeth to create our official Fiesta medal for the 2019 King William Fair. After breezing through Al Rendon's photos of our grand neighborhood in The King William Area: A History and Guide to the Houses by Mary V. Burkholder and Jessie N.M. Simpson, Elizabeth found her muse. She decided to create an artistic gouache rendition of the I.B. Henyan House at 202 Madison. The shapes and colors of this house called to her because she felt they would translate well to a Fiesta medal. Elizabeth also designed our poster, and her original logo artwork will be reproduced on our 2019 fair t-shirts and marketing materials.

Elizabeth recently began her BFA degree at the Southwest School of Art and plans to explore various mediums such as ceramics, metal, and printmaking. Watch for this young emerging artist as she pursues her goals to exhibit her art in galleries and continue working on public art projects.





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King William Association Announces Grant Awards for 2018

By Amanda Strickland

Since 2001, the King William Association has been proud to award grants to schools and non-profit organizations in the King William area. The mission of the Association is to promote its residents' educational, cultural, and recreational pursuits, as well as to preserve the neighborhood's historic structures and the diversity of its people.

In an annual competitive process, organizations submit a grant application outlining its missions and goals, describing the program or project for which funding is requested and how such funding will address the needs of the organization, and explains how their project fulfills the Association's mission.

This year, 11 very worthy organizations submitted applications for a wide range

of imaginative and beneficial programs and projects. Seven independent grant committee evaluators read each application and scored them based on how effective the project would be, how feasible it would be for the applicant to successfully complete the project, and how clearly each applicant stated its connection to the King William Association charter.

We were able to award grants to all 11 of these schools and non-profits, and were pleased to present checks totaling \$40,000 this year. The programs we were able to fund range from robotics classes at Bonham Academy to veterinary needs for our neighborhood feral cats, and helping to establish an exciting new lecture series at Villa Finale. Here are the 11 grant recipients congratulations!

2018 King William Grants

- Say Si Program Support \$3,600
- Villa Finale Power of a Song LectureSeries \$3,600
- Cannoli Fund Community Cat Carpool- \$5,000
- Bonham Academy Robotics Club \$4,340
- Bonham PTA ArtSmart Program 3,600
- Blue Star Contemporary MOSAIC Program \$3,600
- Jump-Start Performance Co. Historias y Cuentas - \$3,600
- Brackenridge High School Theater Dept. Live Theater Performance \$1,860
- San Antonio Art League and Museum Sculpture Garden \$3,600
- F&M Projects Maxwell House \$3,600
- Brackenridge High School Art Department Art Gallery \$3,600

The Cannoli Fund: Helping King William Strays

By Nancy Diehl, President

The Cannoli Fund is grateful to receive a community grant for 2018-2019 from the KWA. The grant will support two important programs of our animal welfare group in King William.

A portion of the grant will help provide financial assistance for veterinary bills to neighbors who rescue stray and abandoned animals in our neighborhood through our Save Our Strays program. The Cannoli Fund's SOS program specifically helps neighbors who rescue cats and dogs from the street. These animals will not only receive initial vetting, standard health testing, vaccinations, spay/neuter, and microchipping, but also treatment for other health issues with a positive prognosis, if necessary. These animals often suffer from serious and costly medical conditions that would strain the resources of individual rescuers. Rescuers have kept the dogs and cats themselves, or found them great homes, both within and outside of the neighborhood.

The second portion of the KWA grant helps fund our ongoing Community Cat Carpool. We continue to provide free spay/ neuter services and vaccinations for feral/ community cats trapped in King William, in order to help control their population. The Cannoli Fund also loans humane traps, assists with trapping, and provides transportation to and from vet services via the Carpool. As of mid-November, 111 cats have taken the CCC in 2018 alone—but there are still many more in need! If there are stray cats around your King William home or business, look closely at their left ears. If the tip of the ear has been removed (during



the surgery, while the animal is under the anesthesia), the cat has already been "fixed," and can no longer reproduce. If you know of cats in need of spay/neuter and vaccinations in King William, please contact us at info@thecannolifund.org.

The Cannoli Fund for Dogs and Cats, established in 2011, is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to improve the lives, and control the population of, animals in the greater King William and Lavaca neighborhoods. To date, we have provided services to more than 1,125 cats and dogs. Through additional programs we:

-deliver supplemental pet food monthly to neighbors, mostly to those caring for "fixed" community cat colonies.

-provide water bowls for neighbors to place along the sidewalk to provide passing pets year-round access to fresh water;

-use our microchip scanner to scan found cats and dogs for a chip in hopes of finding their homes; and

-provide financial assistance to pet owners for spay/neuter and for veterinary bills for major illnesses for their pets.

We appreciate the efforts of the staff and volunteers who work on the King William Fair, which provides the funds to assist us in our mission to help our community care for animals in need.

The Cannoli Fund is on both Facebook and Instagram. Follow us for stories on animals helped, information about our free programs, and more. Our website is loaded with information on animal welfare and city animal laws, as well as our services: thecannolifund.org



Free and Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinics

Animal Defense League 210-655-1481

11300 Nacodoches (Adoption Center) www.adltexas.org

The ADL clinic is located at 11215 Iota Drive, three miles north of 410 & Nacogdoches. Feral cats are accepted for spay or neuter surgeries on a first-come, first-served basis every Wednesday and Friday. Check in is between 7 am and 9 am.

Spay and Neuter Assistance Program 210-673-7722 6758 Ingram Road www.snapus.org

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Clinic provides spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, wellness services and an online pet pharmacy.

SNIPSA (Spay Neuter Inject Protect of San Antonio)

210-237-9400

snipsa.org

"Big Fix" events are free, large scale, spay or neuter one-day events. Request an appointment at a "Big Fix" event on their web site.

Pet Shotz Spay/Neuter Clinic 210-735-1004 210 Tuleta Petshotzinc.com

Next to the San Antonio Zoo, Pet Shotz offers spay and neuter surgeries, dental exams, vaccinations and basic wellness services.

San Antonio Humane Society 210-226-7461 4804 Fredricksburg Road sahumane.org

Spay and neuter surgeries available daily by appointment only. Other services offered include microchipping, vaccinations and wellness services.

Brooks Spay Neuter Clinic 210-963-7150 8034 City Base Landing

Operated by the San Antonio Humane Society, the clinic is open Tuesday – Saturday for spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations and basic wellness services.

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First Home Tour Billed as "Tour of Old World Charm"

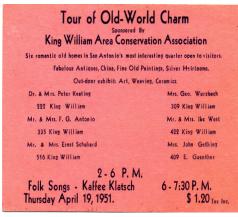
By Bill Cogburn

King William's very first home tour was 67 years ago. It was sponsored by the King William Area Conservation Association, forerunner of the current day King William Association.

The Sunday, April 15, 1951 edition of The San Antonio Light announced: "Six romantic old homes will be shown on the 'Tour of Old World Charm' from 2 to 6 PM Thursday, April 19, 1951. This event is a new feature of San Antonio's annual week of glorious Fiesta."

The homes and their hosts/owners were Dr. & Mrs. Peter Keating at 222 King William, Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Antonio at 335 King William, Mr. & Mrs. Ernst Schuchard at 516 King William, Mrs. George Wurzbach at 309 King William, Mr. & Mrs. Ike West at 422 King William and Mrs. John Gething at 409 E. Guenther.

Included in the tour was a Kaffee Klatsch at 6 pm in the garden of Beethoven Maennerchor where visitors sat under the big pecan trees to listen to folk songs while



Ticket, gift from Dorothy Schuchard

having coffee and cake. The visitors were given rides from house to house in horsedrawn Victorian carriages and surreys and each home had hostesses dressed in period costumes. Tickets for the tour were \$1.20.

Assisting Mrs. John Gething in her home was her daughter, Margaret Gething. Margaret would inherit the home upon her mother's death, seven years later in 1958, and continue to live there until she died in 1975. Margaret Gething, former Broadway actress and decorator, had the distinction of being a founder of the King William Area Conservation Association. Margaret Gething and other members of the King William Area Conservation Association used their considerable influence all the way to the First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson to get assurance that the trees would be saved. The King William Home Tour has played an important part in the history of our neighborhood. It serves to fulfill one of the tenets of our mission statement – to preserve our historic structures and to educate the public.

Center Photo of Ms. Gething, courtesy UTSA Institute of Texas Cultures



In the late 1940s, she and 40 neighborhood women met in the home of Mrs. Carrie

home of Mrs. Carrie Steves at 431 King William Street. That meeting gave birth to the King William Area Conservation Association, forerunner of the current King William Association. Margaret Gething chaired the new organization for its first two years, when Nellie Pancoast took over as chair.

Miss Margaret's House is now a museum open to the public for tours during the two weeks of Fiesta. The flood control project of the 1960s put the centuryold bald cypress trees along the river behind Miss Gething's house in serious jeopardy.



Flavor of the Neighborhood: Where to Take Holiday Guests By Dan Ratliff

When out of town guests visit during the holidays, I like to show off San Antonio's Hispanic heritage, our passion for historical conservation, and, of course, the lights on the River Walk. Here's a walking tour that combines good food, history, culture, and lights.

From the neighborhood, it's an easy half hour walk to the River Walk lights. Leave the neighborhood about 4:45 pm so you can be seated for appetizers and drinks at 5:30 pm on the patio of Las Canarias at La Mansion Hotel before the sun sets at 5:40 pm. If you want to show the fusion of modern American and Mexican cuisine, order the Seared Foie Gras Tostada, Spicy Chile-Lime Shrimp, and Spiced Pork Shoulder Pozole.

Las Canarias

at La Mansion Hotel 12 College Street, reservations encouraged (210) 518-1063 Open Dinner: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm (11:00 pm on Friday and Saturday)

The only fusion at the next stop for food, Mi Tierra, is Tex-meets-Mex. We all have our opinions of where to get the best Mexican food in the neighborhood, but when out of town guests come, there's nothing like the explosion of color and kitsch at Mi Tierra. If your guests are up for authentic estilo Monterrey, order the cabrito. On the way to Mi Tierra, you can see the history around Main Plaza. The Bexar County courthouse, built in 1892, is an architectural delight with its towers and turrets. Near the eastern corner of the courthouse is a plaque commemorating the site of the Battle of Bexar, four months before the Alamo, one of the early defeats of the Mexican troops by the volunteers under Ben Milam's command. Stop in the San Fernando Cathedral, light a candle or look

Mi Tierra Café and Panaderia 218 Produce Row, in El Mercado (210) 225-1262 Open 24 hours, 7 days a week

at Spanish Colonial art.

If you are seated by 6:30 or 7:00 pm at Mi Tierra, you can easily get to Main Plaza to watch San Antonio: The Saga, a multimedia show about the history and culture of our fair city projected onto the façade of San Fernando Cathedral. It's free, it's fun, and it's informative about our history.

At this point you can walk back to the neighborhood or take an Uber home. Maybe your guests will remember the history, the buildings, or the Mexican food, but, for sure they will remember the lights on the River

San Antonio: The Saga Main Plaza Tues, Fri, Sat, Sun 9:00, 9:30, 10:00

Rehab Corner: Short-Term Rental Ordinance Passes City Council

On November 1 the San Antonio City Council passed its first ordinance to regulate short-term rentals (STRs), rental of homes and rooms on online platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, HomeToGo, and HomeAway. There are an estimated 2,000 STRs in San Antonio. The new ordinance sets permit requirements for all STRs, which includes retroactive compliance with the city's hotel occupancy tax, compliance with fire safety codes, and evidence of off-street parking.

The new rules also prohibit all STRs from being used for events such as weddings. Further, housing units that received city incentives are prohibited from hosting Type 2 STRs.

The ordinance differentiates between types of rentals, owner occupied or Type 1, and non-owner occupied or Type 2. Under the new ordinance, Type 1 rentals are allowed anywhere, while Type 2 rentals are subject to density limitations. Allowed by right in all city districts, Type 2 STRs are limited to 12.5 percent of a blockface (the number of residences in a block), 1 unit per multi-family with 1-7 units, or 12.5 percent of multi-family building with 8 or more units. Existing Type 2 STRs will be allowed and grandfathered as long as the short-term rental is in operation prior to November 1 and hotel occupancy tax is paid. New Type 2 STRs are subject to approval by the Board of Adjustment.

The new rules come into effect on February 1, 2019. We welcome your comments and experiences with short-term rentals in King William. After February 1, report any problems with STRs to the city by calling 311.





Good Will Dining By Wm. Charles

Love this cooler weather and dining al fresco is always a good time in KW! Recently we celebrated a birthday at Feast – the venison kebabs never disappoint. And, even though we have dined there many times, we learned to our surprise and enjoyment that Villa Rica offers Happy

Hour all night long on First Fridays!

The holidays come with many traditions, especially for us and Christmas Eve. One of these is baking "Empanaditas," a recipe handed down from my wife's aunt. These Christmas

cookies are a sweet delicious dessert that are made from a flour-based dough filled with cherry or apple pie filling – baked and then rolled in cinnamon and sugar. Our family, friends, neighbors and even the postman look forward to receiving a "goodie" container each year.

Now, you may recall my mention of

having two Thanksgivings each year with both families nearby. The same is true for Christmas. So, on the 24th of December every year we would go to Nanny & Pawpaw's house for a family dinner, kids' table and all. While we were out, Santa came to our house! It took me years to

> figure out how Dad (aka Santa) made this happen.

In keeping with these same traditions, I look forward to our family sitting down together to enjoy a great meal on Christmas Eve. After attending our evening

church service, we make our way over to Market Square to the restaurant that never closes, Mi Tierra. Usually while we are out dining on nachos and margaritas, somehow, some way Santa makes his way to our house. Cheers to all and have a wonderful holiday season.

Special thanks to all of the home owners, house chairs and volunteers who made the 2018 Holiday Home tour a great success! We had approximately 1200 tickets sold and given out to volunteers etc. It was a beautiful day to see the beautiful homes! GARDEN NOTE:

You cannot buy happiness, but you can buy plants, and that's pretty much the same thing.

The holidays are

Out In The

Garden

Alan Cash

upon us and poinsettias are available everywhere you turn as the traditional plant of the season. Another colorful plant to consider for indoor decoration is the croton. They have bright red and yellow leaves and if kept near a bright window will last until they can be put out on the patio in spring. Outdoors, give them about half a day of sun and afternoon shade. Water them when the top inch or so of soil becomes dry and add a little liquid fertilizer to the water. Crotons grow to 3 or 4 feet tall and wide and can last for many years.

Plant daffodils now for early spring flowers. Cover the bulbs with about 2 inches of soil. Native wildflowers such as bluebonnets are very drought tolerant and should be watered sparingly.

As we come to the end of another year, I want to thank those who have asked for and trusted my advice for your garden. I wish all a happy holiday season and a safe new year.



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Blue Star Contemporary Events

Join your friendly neighbor Blue Star Contemporary for their upcoming free public programs! You can register for these events <u>HERE.</u>

Amado



December First Friday Friday December 7, 2018 | 10 AM - 9 PM

Bring your friends and family to enjoy our fall exhibitions for FREE, including Monarchs: Brown and Native Contemporary Artists in the Path of the Butterfly, which takes the migration path of the Monarch butterfly, as a geographic range and a metaphor.



Dinner Time Talk with Jesse

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 | 6-8 PM

Join the conversation with artist

and BSC Berlin Residency Alum Jesse

Amado as he discusses his exhibition Gesamtkunstwerk. This dinner time chat

a relaxed and intimate setting.

gives guests the opportunity to interact and converse with the exhibiting artist in



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Who first suggested stringing Christmas lights in the trees along the Riverwalk?



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SAY SÍ DECEMBER PROGRAMS

SAY Sí Night Live

SAY Si's ALAS Youth Theatre Company is referencing the comedic style of Saturday Night Live to create their very own SAY Si Night Live Holiday Show. A sprinkle of satire, a pinch of glitter, and a dash of awkward moments are all mixed up and dressed with holiday cheer. Original comedy sketches created and performed by SAY Si middle and high school theatre students.

Friday, December 14 - Saturday, December 15, 2018 | 7:00 pm \$5 for Adults, Free for Students & Children Tickets Sold at the Door SAY Sí | 1518 S. Alamo, 78204

FASA 44th Annual Juried Fiber Art Exhibition: All Things Possible with Fiber Art

The Fiber Artists of San Antonio & SAY Sí invite you to the 44th Annual Juried Fiber Art Exhibit, "All Things Possible with Fiber Art." Juror & curator Alana J Coates shares her vision for great representation in fiber art in SAY Sí's galleries. With this year's theme, artists explore boundaries beyond their normal comfort zones in fiber arts. The exhibition will also feature a special pop-up shop of all fiber works.

Opening Reception Friday, December 7, 2018 | 6 - 8 pm SAY Sí | 1518 S. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78204

Exhibition runs through Jan 25, 2019